

IN BATTLE OF DALE FARM

EVICTORY

Defiant... girls celebrate judge's stay of execution

(FOR NOW)

Judge allows travellers to stay...until Friday

out of that gate if they come in. We're not going, this is our home." Blinged-up teenage sisters Serena and Shannon McCarthy, granddaughters of Dale Farm leader Mary Anne McCarthy, took a less serious approach.

Shannon, 17, hung off scaffolding cawing: "Whoeee - we're famous." And Serena, 18, yelled: "We're live from the Big Brother house and it's eviction night."

At 4pm a council leader backed by police approached the gate to make one more appeal for a peaceful exodus. But he was met with cries of "Scum" and quickly retreated.

The six-acre site was bought ten years ago by travellers who built a vast camp without planning permission. The council believes most of

the 400 who lived there have already moved on. It insisted those remaining have been offered space at a legal camp on Merseyside. But they responded by saying: "We don't want to live in Liverpool."

Many locals living near Dale Farm do not care where they go - as long as they go. One said: "We've had ten years of hell and we'll be glad to see the back of them."

Last night it emerged the Government turned down an offer by the United Nations to broker a deal between the two sides. Jan Jarab, a representative of the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights, said: "We offered to be part of a less dramatic solution. But it was made clear the offer was rejected."

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Fenced in... bailiffs clamber over wire

Plea... loud hailer. Left, jubilant activist